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Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002 (Paper No. 6), please extend the period of time for response 2 months, to expire on December 6, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-25.

Please add new claims 26-40 to read as follows: